

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Jeremy BARKER, *et al.*

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For: Lithium-Based Active  
Materials and Preparation  
Thereof

Group Art Unit: 1745

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND**  
**REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF AN INTERFERENCE**

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2002. The Office is authorized to charge any fee due in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**REMARKS**

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2002, which suspended *ex parte* prosecution of the above-identified application for a period of six months in order to allow an allegedly relevant reference ("third party application") to become available as citable prior art against the above-identified patent application. Based on the arguments set forth below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the suspension of *ex parte* prosecution, and further request that the Office withdraw the third party application

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